



## Jon B. Terry

February 13, 1952 - January 24, 2021

On Sunday, January 24, 2021, Jon Batton Terry, age 68, of Bessemer, Alabama, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ after a long battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe Luther and Margaret Batton Terry. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Betsy Towers Terry; his children, Rachel Fleming (Jeremy) and Jon David; his beloved grandchildren, Anna Claire, Hoyt and Ellie Batton Fleming; his siblings, Joe Terry Jr. (Kit), Mary Jane Sisson (Bill), Margaret Lou White (Bill), and Jack Terry (Lisa); cousins, the Honorable Tom Parker, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama (Dottie), Alleta McKeon (Paul) and Terry Parker; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and countless friends and colleagues.

A graduate of Bessemer High School (1970), Jon went to Samford University (1974) where he served as a student senator and was also a member and Commander of Sigma Nu fraternity. Jon went on to graduate from Cumberland School of Law (1977), where he served on the Cumberland Law Review. After law school, he went on to clerk for the Honorable Hugh Maddox, Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of Alabama, where he gained invaluable legal experience. He began his practice of law with Lee Bains on June 1, 1978, where he became partner several years later. He practiced law at Bains and Terry until the time of his death. Jon was also an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America during his high school years, and was an avid hunter, fisher

and outdoorsman as a result. He was also an avid fan of the University of Alabama football team and attended many games and championships with his beloved wife, Betsy. Jon loved the practice of law, which he was so proud that his children chose to follow in this profession. Above all, however, Jon was proudest of his three grandchildren, who love their “Big Daddy” dearly.

A grave-side only service will be held on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Bessemer, Brother Joel Fredrick officiating. Masks and social distancing will be required. Jon was a long time member of Grace Life Baptist Church, and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Grace Life Baptist Church Building Fund, 6200 Lou George Loop Road, Bessemer, AL 35022.

Pallbearers:

Vince Brown, Nigel Gunthrap, Billy Patton, Jason Riles, Coleman Terry, Ellis Terry, Tommy Tucker, and Drew White.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Thoughts of Jon,

*Jon was the epitome of a god-fearing loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a stranger to no one. He would help anyone who asked.*

*We deeply know how Betsy and family are grieving and our hearts and prayers are with each and every one of you.*

*With our deepest sympathies, God bless,  
Robert, Sande, and Brian Carnes*

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**Brian Carnes** - February 01, 2021 at 12:38 AM

GW

“ *To our cousin Betsy, and to the entire Terry family to whom we are close having grown up with them all, the Wilson family sibs send our deepest and heartfelt condolences. I shared the stage with Jon, and was a teammate in the purple and white all those years ago. This news shook me to the core. We have all moved away from Bessemer, but please know neither the miles nor the years diminish our pride of being raised there, or our lasting affection for those who shared our formative years. We grieve with you Betsy and Terry siblings. And our love of home and friends transcends the distance.*  
*Gran Wilson*

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**Gran Wilson** - January 30, 2021 at 10:32 AM

CE

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was so much more than just a lawyer...he was a friend and will be sorely missed. I regret not having been closer these past few years.* *Charles Eiland*

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**Charles Eiland** - January 29, 2021 at 05:38 PM

ZT

“ *Zanetta Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jon B. Terry*



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**Zanetta Thomas** - January 29, 2021 at 11:51 AM

KD

*I am sending prayers for your family at this time Chris Downs admired him so very much. Kim Downs.*

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**kim Downs** - January 29, 2021 at 01:10 PM

BH

“ *Betsy, I am SO sorry to hear about Jon's passing! Y'all have been a couple forever and a day! This breaks my heart for you and your family! But, I know that he is with his Heavenly Father, completely healed and whole! I will pray for you and your family during his very difficult time!*

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**Becky Harris** - January 28, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry to read about Jon's passing. I went to school with Jon and he was a brilliant student and a super nice person. He was liked by everyone. My deepest sympathy to his lovely wife Betsy and family.*

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**Joy Harris** - January 28, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Janice Whaley** - January 28, 2021 at 08:18 AM

KM

“ *Betsy,  
Praying for you and your family , in Jesus’  
name, we pray for the love of God to cover all  
of you, the peace of Jesus to be with you, and  
the comfort of The Holy Spirit to carry you  
through this most difficult time.*



*Jack & I will always cherish our visit we had with both of you this  
past September, (the best part of hurricane Sally ) it was God’s  
divine timing that we were able to spend time together!  
Our love & prayers will continue to be with you,  
Jack & Kim Martin*

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**Kim Martin** - January 27, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for  
the family of Jon B. Terry.*



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January 27, 2021 at 02:22 PM

SG

“ *Squire Gwin purchased the Simply Elegant Spath  
iphyllum for the family of Jon B. Terry.*



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**Squire Gwin** - January 27, 2021 at 12:30 AM

GB

“ *Betsy, I am so sorry. My heart hurts for you, Jon David, Rachel and all of your family and friends. You will all be in my prayers.. with love, Gloria Banks*

**Gloria Banks** - January 26, 2021 at 08:30 PM

AT

“ *Aubrey and Carolyn Teele purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jon B. Terry.*



**Aubrey and Carolyn Teele** - January 26, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BL

“ *What can you say about Jon? I feel as though I've known him and his family forever - Jon as a high school student - "Sitting Bull" in "Annie Get Your Gun;" law clerk at my husband's office, personal attorney later. The Terrys are my Bessemer family. I share their grief. Bonnie Lipscomb*

**Bonnie Lipscomb** - January 26, 2021 at 05:57 PM

EB

“ *Jon was a brilliant attorney with a wonderful sense of humor. I'm honored that he touched my life.*

**Evelyn Burchfield** - January 26, 2021 at 04:12 PM

CN

“ My best memories of Jon, as well as Betsy, was all in going to South Highland Baptist Church! planning things for our youth group. We worked really hard for a very funny and scary event! Laughed sooo hard, which says a lot about his fun side...All the good memories include Betsy and Rachel and sometimes baby Jon David. Lots of fun as young adults, too!

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**Cheryl Coffee Neary** - January 26, 2021 at 01:47 PM

GH

“ Sad to hear this news about Jon. I had several occasions to visit with Jon through the years and always found him to be friendly and accommodating.

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**Gerald Hicks** - January 26, 2021 at 01:25 PM

DC

“ My condolences to the Terry family. We had the need of Jon's services several years back and he did not disappoint! He not only was a wonderful attorney but also a very kind friend and helpful in so many ways. I can't imagine the loss this family is feeling and I have no doubt that he was greeted at the gates with a huge pat on the back. Your family will be in my prayers

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**Darenda Carter** - January 26, 2021 at 12:11 PM

JS

“ Jon was a great man and a wonderful friend. I have sweet memories of time at South Highland Baptist Church and the fun times we all shared. In the blink of an eye you went to see Jesus and be missed here. So, until we all break the chains that hold us here and join you, R. I. P.

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**Jenny and Andy Schrimsher** - January 26, 2021 at 11:37 AM

AS

“ We send our sincerest condolences over the loss of Jon. May his memory be a blessing.

*Anne and Robert Smith*

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**Anne Smith** - January 26, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jon B. Terry.*



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January 26, 2021 at 11:18 AM

MR

“ *What a great friend he was to me. Tears are flowing as i write this and remember the great times we had together. I loved Jon dearly and will truly miss him. Fly high brother Jon.*

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**mickey rockett** - January 26, 2021 at 11:09 AM

JB

*THIS IS SUCH A SAD TIME FOR SO MANY PEOPLE, HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED! HAVE KNOWN HIM EVER SINCE HE STARTED WITH LEE BAINS! A MEMORY I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AT FOOTBALL SEASON, IF HE HADN'T ORDERED HIS TICKETS HE WOULD CALL AND SAY I KNOW YOU ORDER EXTRA, SO I NEED THEM AND IF YOU DID'T I WILL JUST BORROW YOURS! HEAVEN HAS RECIEVED ANOTHER ANGEL! MAY GOD GIVE THE FAMILY COMFORT AND PEACE!*

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**Joan Burchfield Burchfield** - January 26, 2021 at 04:28 PM

NS

*We loved Jon so much! So happy that our grandchildren were his grandchildren. No one could beat Big Daddy as best Grandparent. He will be sorely missed.*

*Much love,  
Dave and Nancy Sandy*

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**Nancy Sandy** - January 26, 2021 at 06:53 PM

BH

*"Share a Memory" IMPOSSIBLE, so many!*

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**Bill Hoster** - January 26, 2021 at 08:15 PM